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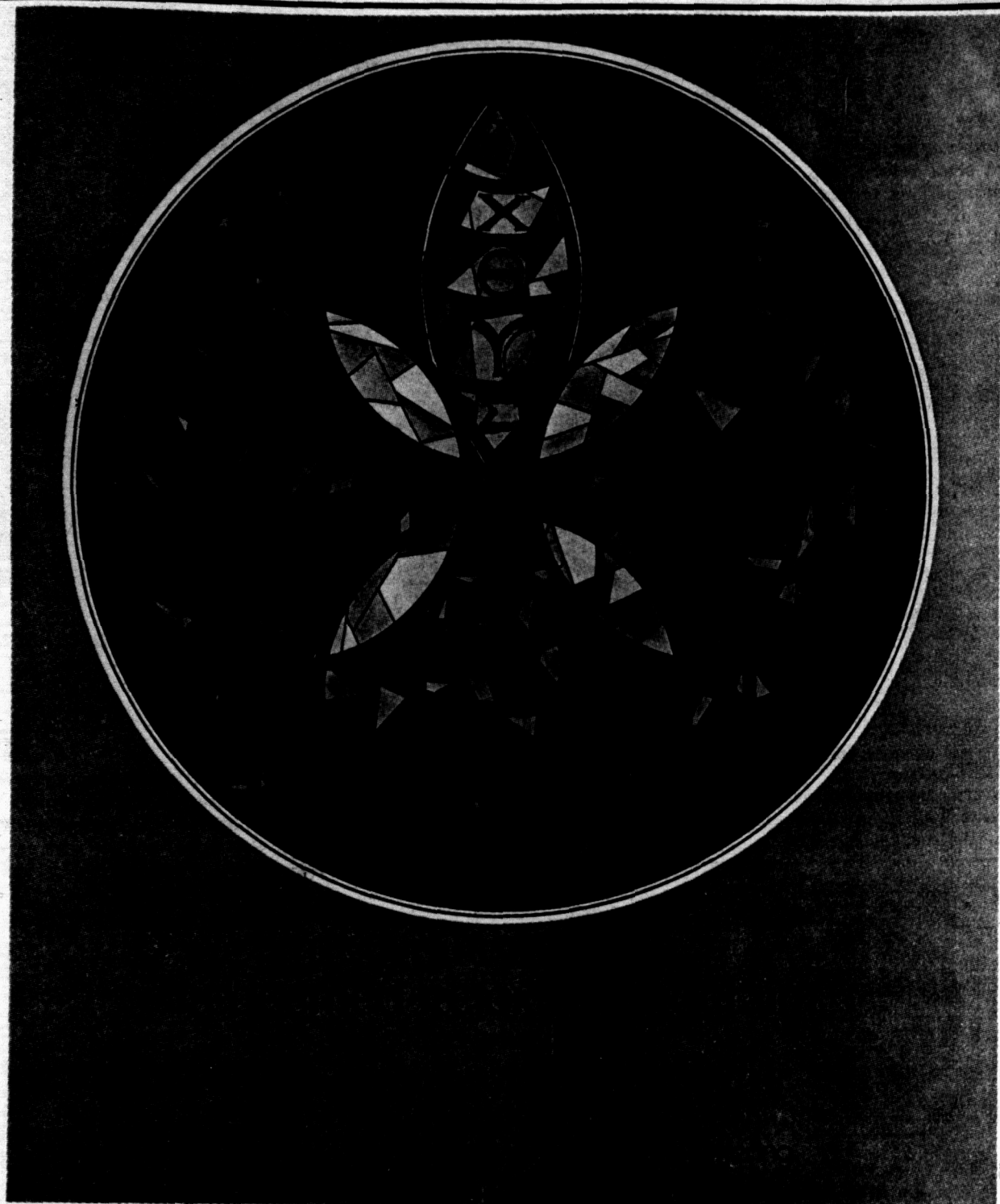
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Foreign Mission Week Of Prayer

Gives Opportunity For The Redeemed To Say So

A \$24,000,000 offering for foreign missions, prayer support for 2,600 foreign missionaries, and direct, personal support of foreign missions by all Southern Baptists are the objectives of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions to be observed November 30-December 7.

Theme for the annual observance is "Redeemed — Rejoice... Proclaim," based on Psalm 107:2: "Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out!" (The Living Bible).

"This week and offering give every Southern Baptist a way to express the joy of his Christian life," said Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, which promotes the observance. "This week the 'redeemed of the Lord' can 'say so' by making possible the proclamation of his word throughout the world," she said.

The Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions had its beginning in 1888, when a missionary to China urged the newly-formed women's auxiliary to undertake a Christmastime offering to send reinforcements to China. The observance became the customary way for celebrating Christmas in Southern Baptist churches. The offering for foreign missions came to bear the name of the missionary who first suggested it, Lottie Moon.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Off-

ering has resulted in a cumulative total of \$282,931,556.12. Fifty-seven years passed before the Lottie Moon offering reached the million-dollar mark. When WMU began promoting it as a churchwide, rather than women's offering, the totals began leaping by a million

Easterlings Are First US-2 Couple In State

Mayson and Mary Easterling, new US-2 workers in Mississippi, were welcomed at the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It was the first they attended after being appointed by the Home Mission Board in September for a two-year Christian Social Ministry project in Columbia under the US-2 program.

They were welcomed by J. Ray Grissett, consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mayson, 24, is a December 1974 graduate of Gardner-Webb College at Bowling Springs, N. C. and Mary, 23, is a 1972 graduate of North Greenville, S. C. Junior College. They are the only US-2 missionaries in Mississippi.

The two will staff the South Columbia Baptist Mission Center. He will be pastor-director and she will direct weekday ministries

dollars every one or two years. This increase paralleled Southern Baptists' years of greatest missions advanced.

Miss Weatherford pointed out that the offering's most spectacular increases came in the last two

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there. Presently the couple is involved in developing a full program of service and ministry such as bus ministry, visitation, organization of a youth club, training, tutoring and worshiping programs. They also serve needs in social, medical and recreation areas. They will be available for speaking engagements on a limited basis after January of 1976.

Rev. George Lee is the director of missions in Lawrence, Marion, and Waltham associations, in which they serve, and works closely with them. Rev. Howard Aultman is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia, the sponsoring church. Dr. Foy Rogers is director of the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Annuity Board Issues Another '13th Check'

DALLAS (BP) — More than 9,000 annuitants will be getting an extra month's benefit this year through the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Trustees of the Annuity Board have voted a "13th check" amounting to 8 and one-third percent of the annual benefit in plans qualifying for the extra payment, board president Darold H. Morgan announced.

The disbursement, in early December, will amount to about \$750,000. Annuitants must have been enrolled as of September 30

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"Most Strategic Meeting"

Hong Kong Crusade Has 20,400 Decisions

HONG KONG, November 16 — Evangelist Billy Graham closed his five-day Hong Kong Crusade this afternoon before an overflow crowd that broke all records for

a single event in the city's history, and made revisionists of those who predicted the demise of so-called "mass evangelism."

"The Chinese heart is no differ-

ent from any other human heart," he told 68,500 persons who filled two stadiums. "Man simply cannot live without God." Eighty-five per cent of those who night by night heard the American evangelist's message translated into Cantonese were between 16 and 21 years of age.

One local newspaper called it "the most important Christian event in Hong Kong since the Pope's visit." Pope Paul VI drew a crowd of 40,000 persons to a single meeting four years ago.

Crusade Director Henry Holley of the Graham Team reported that over 20,400 persons came forward at the invitation to receive Christ between Wednesday and Sunday, a third of them on Sunday afternoon, and that over half of them were men. The three thousand trained counselors were completely overwhelmed at the close by the response to the final invitation. Teenagers literally ran to the infields of Government Stadium and South China Stadium (where the message was relayed by television) to register their commitments to Christ. Two football games had been belatedly rescheduled to permit use of the latter stadium on Sunday afternoon.

Said the Right Reverend Gilbert Baker, Anglican bishop of Hong Kong and Macao, "This has been a moving and significant week in the history of Hong Kong. It has been a tremendous demonstration of Christian solidarity and cooperation. Thousands have come forward to decide to learn more of Christ, they have enthusiasm for a new way of life. It is the task of the churches of Hong Kong, of counsellors and pastors, to show these inquirers the way to live as Christians."

Dr. Daniel Y. K. Cheung, chairman of the Crusade and pastor of the world's largest Chinese church (Kowloon City Baptist) echoed the bishop's statement, saying "Hong Kong has never known anything like this. We now have a great army of Christian soldiers recruited and trained. I believe

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Thanksgiving—1st Official Observance, 200 Years Ago

WASHINGTON (BP)—This Thanksgiving Season, Americans are observing not only the birth of the United States but the Bicentennial of the first official Thanksgiving Day observed simultaneously by representatives of many Colonies.

Official days of Thanksgiving were common in the Colonies when the Revolutionary War broke out. Massachusetts Bay Colony legislators passed a Thanksgiving proclamation on Nov. 4, 1775, declaring Thursday, Nov. 23 as a Day of Public Thanksgiving.

Actually the custom of proclaiming a day of Thanksgiving was more than a century old, but the Revolution added a new element. The traditional "God Save the King" was replaced by "God Save the People," in the Colonies.

George Washington had just taken command of the troops at Boston, with soldiers arriving from Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Rhode Island for the siege of Boston.

Washington ordered his troops to observe the day of Thanksgiving in Massachusetts, "with all the solemnity directed by the legislative proclamation . . ." Nov. 23, 1775, thereby became the first colonial Thanksgiving officially observed by representatives of many Colonies.

In December 1777, Washington ordered his troops to observe the first Thanksgiving Day for all of America, as directed by the Continental Congress as a result of the victory at Saratoga. His army observed it on Dec. 18, the day before they marched into Valley Forge.

Later, Washington became the first President to issue a Thanksgiving proclamation. In 1778, he designated the fourth Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving Day, which still stands.

ABS Gives Pulpit Bible To New Aircraft Carrier

NEW YORK (RNS) — In celebrating the U.S. Navy's 200th birthday, the American Bible Society presented an embossed Pulpit Bible to the newest ship in service.

The Bible, plus 2,000 copies of the New Testament for distribution to the crew, went to the U.S.S. Nimitz, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier. The ship is named for the commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific fleet in World War II, Admiral Chester A. Nimitz.

At the presentation, U. S. Navy Secretary J. William Middendorf II recalled the small New Testament he received from the Bible Society 30 years ago. "I still keep it at my bedside," he said, and it is a constant reminder of the same continuing service to the men of the Navy today who in times of loneliness have found these little books portable symbols of hope and faith."

The first general distribution of Bibles to naval personnel took place in 1820. The entire navy

then had only 3,500 people. The crew of the Nimitz has about 5000.

The ship's Bible is a large-print, Revised, Standard Version, bound in black leather. The crew Testa-

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Home Board Allocates \$1,200

To Reunite Family

ATLANTA (BP)—Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors approved a \$1,200 allocation here to reunite two stranded Vietnamese girls now in France with their refugee family in California.

The money will be used for air fare to bring Nguyen Phuong Anh, 20, and Nguyen Phuong Chi, 18, to Glendora, Calif., where their parents, Dr. and Mrs. Nguyen

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Clergymen's Conference On Cancer

According to Dr. J. Clark Hensley,

The Christian Action Commission and the Mississippi Baptist Hospital will cooperate with the American Cancer Society, Mississippi Division, in the sixteenth annual seminar of Pastoral Care of the Ill, according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley. The theme of the meeting to be held on March 2, 1976, at the hospital will be "The Ministry to the Cancer Patient."

Dr. Hensley is executive Secretary of the Christian Action Commission.



\$36,000 For New Church Sites

Some \$36,025 from the new church sites fund of the state missions offering for 1975 has been allocated for the purchase of sites in Desoto and Gulf Coast Associations. In the photo at left Rev. J. W. Brister, left, director of missions for Gulf Coast Association, receives a check for \$15,500 from A. L. Nelson, business manager-comptroller for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The money will be used for the purchase of the Forest Cove property in the association. In the photo at right Rev. Ervin Brown, center, director of missions for De-

Soto Association, receives a check from Mrs. Frances Smira, state president of Woman's Missionary Union, for \$21,125. This money will be used to purchase the site for Twin Lakes Baptist Church in the association. At right is Miss Marjean Patterson, executive secretary of the WMU for Mississippi. The state missions offering is promoted annually in Mississippi Baptist Churches by the WMU. Almost \$200,000 is budgeted from this year's offering for new church sites in the state.



Rev. and Mrs. Mayson Easterling, left, are welcomed to Mississippi by Rev. J. Ray Grissett, as-

sociate in the Cooperative Missions Department in the area of church extension.



REDEEMED—A mountain stream serves as a baptismal pool in Mapulaca, Honduras, for Missionary Leslie Keyes and new converts. Last year more than 70,000 baptisms were reported from mission fields. (FMB photo by A. Clark Scanlon)



REDEEMED—In Blantyre, Malawi, Missionary William S. Wester serves communion to a group of deacons in a local church. (FMB photo by Gerald S. Harvey)



REJOICE—"The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing..." A part of the mass communications ministry in Taipei, Taiwan, is the work of the Baptist recording studio where this choir is performing. (FMB photo by Gerald S. Harvey)



REJOICE—Youth ministries are a vital part of foreign missions in many areas of the world. In Salzburg, a group of young persons led by Emanuel Weiser sing songs of joy at a Baptist gathering. (FMB photo by Warren F. Johnson)

Redeemed-Rejoice-Proclaim



PROCLAIM—Correspondence courses are an increasingly effective way to proclaim the Gospel. In Lusaka, Zambia.

PROCLAIM—Missionary Jane Parker provides a Christian witness to a lady in Coban, Cacao, Guatemala. Person-to-person witness is basic to the work of missionaries and national Christians. (FMB photo by Warren F. Johnson)

"Opportunity To Say So"

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years, when the nation was in economic crisis. "Southern Baptists have proven that they will put the foreign missions offering at the top of their Christmas spending," she said. "We know and appreciate the work of our missionaries. As long as we have resources, missions will be given the priority it deserves," she said.

The 1975 offering will provide almost half the total budget for the Foreign Mission Board. A slightly larger percentage is expected to come from the Cooperative Program. The projected for-

ign missions budget of \$51,036,424 will cover work in more than 80 countries.

The Week of Prayer theme in 1975 stresses the idea that redeemed persons will proclaim their faith by all possible means. Theme art for the observance is a reminder of a way early Christians revealed their faith—the fish symbol meaning Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour.

During the Week of Prayer Woman's Missionary Union organizations will sponsor daily prayer banquets, fairs, and dramas as suggested. Worship services, Sun-

day and Wednesday evening services will feature missionary sermons, speakers, telephone interviews, and films. December 7 will be foreign missions day in Sunday School. Brotherhood organizations will work with WMU leaders in promoting the prayer-giving effort.

A daily prayer guide designed for families and individuals to use at home is provided by WMU for every household. The guide contains a factual overview of the scope of foreign missions as well as specific requests for prayer support.



Church Library Officers

The 1975-76 officers of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization are shown above. Standing, left to right, are Mrs. Russell Bush Jr., Columbia, president; Mrs. Harvey Leake, Woodville, historian; and David Read, Meridian, program chairman. Seated, left to right, are Mrs. Caroline Armstrong, Gun-nison, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Jackie Payne, Jackson, program chairman.

James Rose, standing left, and Wayne Todd, standing right, both of Nashville, were program personalities for the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Church Library Organization. Another on the program was Miss Jacquelyn Anderson, Nashville, seated right. Seated left is Mrs. Russell Bush Jr., Columbia, new president.

Literacy Workshop To Be At Clinton

A special Literacy Workshop aimed at training volunteers to work with adults who want to learn to read and write will be conducted at the A. E. Wood Memorial Library in Clinton Dec. 8-11.

Dr. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities at Mississippi College and coordinator for the meeting, said the workshop is being jointly sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the Clinton Community Christian Corporation, and the Clinton Public Library. Sessions will run each night from 6 to 10 p.m.

In addition to instructions for working with adults, the Workshop will also include techniques for tutoring school-age children with reading difficulties.

Miss Mildred Blankenship, assistant director of Christian Social Ministries of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, will serve as Workshop director. She is a specialist in matters concerning literacy missions.

Pre-registration is now being conducted at the library with enrollment limited to 30 persons. There is no registration fee.



At Work In Costa Rica

What a joy it is to be a Southern Baptist missionary in the Spanish-speaking Republic of Costa Rica!

As we have evaluated mission work in Costa Rica for the past decade we stand in amazement as to what God has done and what he is doing even now in this lovely but needy country. We are grateful to Southern Baptists and to the Cooperative Program for making our work possible.

The Cooperative Program provides for the support of eight missionary families and two journeymen under appointment at the present time in Costa Rica. This support includes salary, travel funds for missionary work, and educational funds for our children. Knowing that these needs are met, the Costa Rica missionaries are at liberty to dedicate themselves fully to the task of mission work.

The Cooperative Program aids in evangelism. The primary task of mission work in Costa Rica is to evangelize, and all programs of work are focused in this direction. There is an emphasis on Christian discipleship, soul winning, and the development of new missions and churches. In some cases rent is paid on buildings used in new work, and literature is made available for evangelistic efforts. A good example of this is the mission in Barranca, on the Pacific coast, where about twenty-five people meet weekly for worship and praise to God.

Through the Cooperative Program advance has been made in other areas of our work. The Baptist Book Store ministry has been strengthened on a national level. Theological education for young ministers and church laymen has made tremendous headway. An up-to-date camp ministry has become a reality. The "Campamento

Ecuadorian Church Attacked

CANAR, Ecuador (BP)—Fidel Lorja, a new Baptist believer, remains hospitalized with a dagger wound received when a mob descended upon a villager's house near here where Lorja and others had met for worship.

Stanley D. Stamps, Southern Baptist missionary press representative, reported that Lorja has not regained use of his arm which was seriously wounded during the clash. Apparently some nerves in the arm were damaged, Stamps said.

About 40 people were injured when the mob of some 80 Indians interrupted a worship service in the small village outside Canar.

Earlier reports had indicated three of the 40 were hospitalized. Apparently, the other two were not as seriously injured as Lorja. Civil authorities are receiving testimony from witnesses in order to establish charges against the ones responsible for the attack.

"An evangelistic meeting among the Quechua residents of Tambo (a near-by village) has been temporarily postponed due to the tense situation," Stamps said.

Bautista in Costa Rica is one of the nicest campgrounds in Central America. Student work is making progress with the help of a missionary journeyman, especially university work which now meets in the new student center near the National University in San Jose.

For progress made in Baptist work we give God the praise, but we also say thanks to Southern Baptists and the Cooperative Program. —Don Redmon, San Jose

Meanwhile, Jones continues to make periodic visits to Canar and Tambo to "encourage the believers."

GUATEMALA CITY, Guatemala—Spot announcements prepared for television several years ago by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission were used here to offer the Bible to Guatemalans. Response was good with over 600 people requesting the Bible, almost 300 requesting the New Testament and over 200 requesting portions of the gospels, according to Alan W. Compton.

Annuity Board Issues

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in one of the qualifying plans to receive the "13th check".

The "13th check", so called because it is paid above the 12 regular benefit checks for the year, dates back to 1967, when it was first issued. It has been paid every year since, although it is not a contractual obligation.

This check helps annuitants to grapple with the rising cost of everyday living, a board spokesman said. The amount of interest paid on investments determines the size of the additional check.

The annuitants are retired or disabled ministers and denominational workers, or their widows.

Revival Dates

Second Church, Water Valley: Dec. 7-12; Rev. Glenn Riggs from Hot Springs, Arkansas, evangelist; Rev. Tommy Gerrish, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Home Board Allocates \$1200

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Quynh Gia, and four other brothers and sisters are being sponsored by the First Baptist Church. The \$1,200 allocation was requested by Joseph Krake, pastor of the Glendora church.

He explained that Dr. Gia was a prosperous physician in Vietnam before the fall of the country last spring and had sent his two daughters to France to obtain a medical education. But when the

country fell to the Communists, Gia and his family left with little more than the clothes on their backs.

"The story of their escape is a miraculous one," Krake said, "and Dr. Gia gives God the credit."

Dr. Gia is attempting to obtain certification to practice medicine in the United States, Krake said, and the church has paid for expensive medical books and test fees, in addition to providing a home and furnishings for the family and junior college tuition for the eldest son of the family.

But they didn't have enough for the plane fare to bring the daughters from France, and turned to the Home Mission Board department of Christian social ministries for help.

The board's directors unanimously approved the allocation to reunite the family.

Pulpit Bible

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ments are in Today's English and King James Versions.

Since 1820, the ABS has donated more than 70 million copies of Bibles to armed forces personnel. It was founded in 1816, to translate, publish, and distribute the Bible without doctrinal note or comment.



Family Relations Officers

New officers of the Mississippi Council on Family Relations, pictured from left to right are: president, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Jackson; vice president, Jeanne Forrester, Pascagoula; secretary, Mrs. James O. Allen, Codrington; board member, Dr. J. Gibson Wells, Starkville. These were elected at the annual meeting

held recently at the Holiday Inn Med Center in Jackson. The program theme was "Divorce Law Reform For Mississippi," with Attorney Ashley Wiltshire of Nashville, Tennessee, as the principal speaker. The council serves as a liaison between professional groups and individuals interested in family life in Mississippi.

Simmons Memorial Announces

Building, Fund Raising Plans

Simmons Memorial Church, Flora, has appointed a committee to oversee planning of a new auditorium to replace the one destroyed by fire on October 18. Committee members are Norman Jenkins, Jerry Green, Mrs. David Edwards, Harold Tucker, and Morris Luke.

The congregation is meeting in a vacant building next to the old property and is having excellent attendance. Rev. Nelson Crozier pastor, reports an overwhelmingly optimistic spirit.

The church has established a building fund and is accepting donations and pledges to the building of new facilities. The youth of the church have pledged \$1000 to the fund and plan to raise the money through bake sales, car washes, and doing odd jobs.

An amount of \$2980 has already been received through donations to the Simmons Memorial Baptist Church at Route 1, Box 62, Flora, Ms. 39071.



A check for \$2,500 is handed to Rev. Nelson Crozier, right, pastor of Simmons Memorial Baptist Church at Flora to aid the church in its readjustment following a fire that destroyed the building. The check was from the emergency fund of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and it was presented by Rev. Tom Hudson, pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church in Jackson and a member-at-large of the board.

Hong Kong: 20,400 Decisions

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it is just the beginning of spiritual revival of our churches."

Dr. Daniel Lew, general secretary of the Crusade and leading church official, said, "This has brought more unity to the churches of Hong Kong than any single event." It was estimated that 90 per cent of the city's churches participated.

Before the Crusade started, the 500 churches joined together to visit half a million homes all over the colony, including the "new territories," using 10,000 volunteer callers. The campaign took 10 days, and special invitations to the stadium meeting were left at each door together with Christian literature.

Mrs. Ruth Graham, wife of the evangelist, who was born and reared in China, took an active role in the Crusade, speaking at receptions, teas, women's ral-

lies and prayer meetings. She said, "I feel this is the most strategic meeting we have ever held." This feeling was echoed by Mr. Graham's interpreter, Dr. Daniel Tse, president of Hong Kong Baptist College, who pointed out that the city "is at the footstep of a country which is not known to be friendly towards any form of religion." This has resulted, he said, in a cautious attitude toward mass religious rallies and a feeling of uncertainty toward the colony's future.

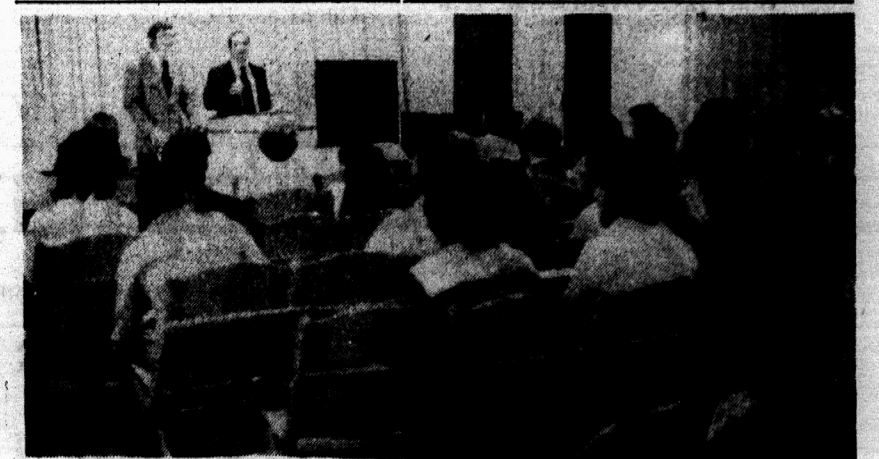
"Philosophically," he said, "Hong Kong" people are known to have adopted the attitude of making money as quickly as possible and enjoying themselves while they still have time." He added that "Hong Kong has never experienced anything like the Crusade before. It has wiped away all the doubts in my mind that the people of this city would

be interested in spiritual revival." Members of the Graham Team were kept on the move during the Crusade speaking in schools, clubs, and churches all over the colony and in nearby Macao, a Portuguese-administered colony. Christian music of Oriental origin was sung by the 5,000-voice choir and by Perilla Lim, soloist. A special Crusade hymn was written by Dr. Heyward Wong. The preaching platform, designed by Dr. David Wong, architect and president of the Baptist World Alliance, had railings made in the form of the Chinese character for happiness.

Delegations came to the Crusade from Macao, Lantau Island, and the new territories; and visitors were present from Brunel, Taiwan, the Philippines, Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, many of them making the trip specially for the Crusade. Al-

so, among those attending the meeting were refugees from Cambodia, Vietnam and Burma. One police security officer described the stadium crowds (which totaled over 217,000 for five days) as "the most orderly I have ever witnessed." Mr. Graham declared he had never in the world preached to a more attentive audience. Many of the listeners he saw taking notes.

Mr. Graham spent time conferring with Government and church leaders during his stay in Hong Kong. He also visited the typhoon shelters and Aberdeen areas, talking with fishermen in their houseboats, while Mrs. Graham visited the famed "walled city." At the close of the Crusade Mr. Graham left for meetings and appointments in Israel, Egypt, Kenya and England. His next, major Crusade will be in Seattle, Washington, next May.



David Glaze, standing left, the son of missionary parents to Argentina, interprets for the English speaking as Rafael Melian preaches in Spanish.



Mrs. Ruth Cline, foreground, helps to get things rounded up in the kitchen for the meal.

Neglect Reports Mandatory

By House Bill 1065 as passed and signed by Governor Waller into law, ministers are required, among others, "to report cases of battered and abused children," according to Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission.

Some of the features of the law are as follows: "Neglected child" means, according to the law, "a child whose parent, guardian or custodian, or any person legally responsible for his care or support, neglects or refuses, when able so to do, to provide for him proper or necessary

care or support, or education as required by law, or medical, surgical or other care necessary for his well-being; or who is otherwise without proper care, custody, supervision or support; or who, for any reason, and as the result of the faults or habits of anyone, lacks the special care made necessary for him by reason of his mental condition, whether said condition be mentally defective or mentally disordered; or who, for any reason, and as the result of the faults or habits of anyone, lacks the care necessary for his health, morals

or well-being; or who is found in a disreputable place, or who associates with vagrant, vicious or immoral persons.

"No child who in good faith is under treatment by spiritual means alone through prayer in accordance with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination by a duly accredited practitioner thereof, for this reason alone, be considered to be medically neglected under any provision of this chapter."

"Battered and abused child" means, according to the law, "a

child whose parent, guardian or custodian, or any person responsible for his care or support, has inflicted serious physical injury, including sexual abuse, or injuries other than by accidental means upon him as a result of abuse or neglect. In addition to physical injury, abuse encompasses a situation in which a child's mental health has been adversely affected in some substantial way as determined by examination by competent mental health professionals.

Concerning the reporting of a battered, abused and/or neglected child, the law states: "Any licensed doctor of medicine, licensed doctor of dentistry, intern, resident, registered nurse, psychologist, teacher, social worker, school principal, child care giver, minister, or any law enforcement officer having reasonable cause to suspect that a child brought to him or coming before him for examination, care or treatment, or of whom he has knowledge through observation, is a battered, abused and/or neglected child shall cause an oral report to be made immediately by telephone or otherwise, and followed as soon thereafter as possible by a report in writing, to the county welfare department." The law provides immunity from liability for anyone so reporting.

"I do not know how many reported cases of child abuse there are in the state," Dr. Hensley said, "I only know that about an average of one per week is investigated in Hinds County alone."



Plates are filled for the meal of dishes from Mexico and Cuba.

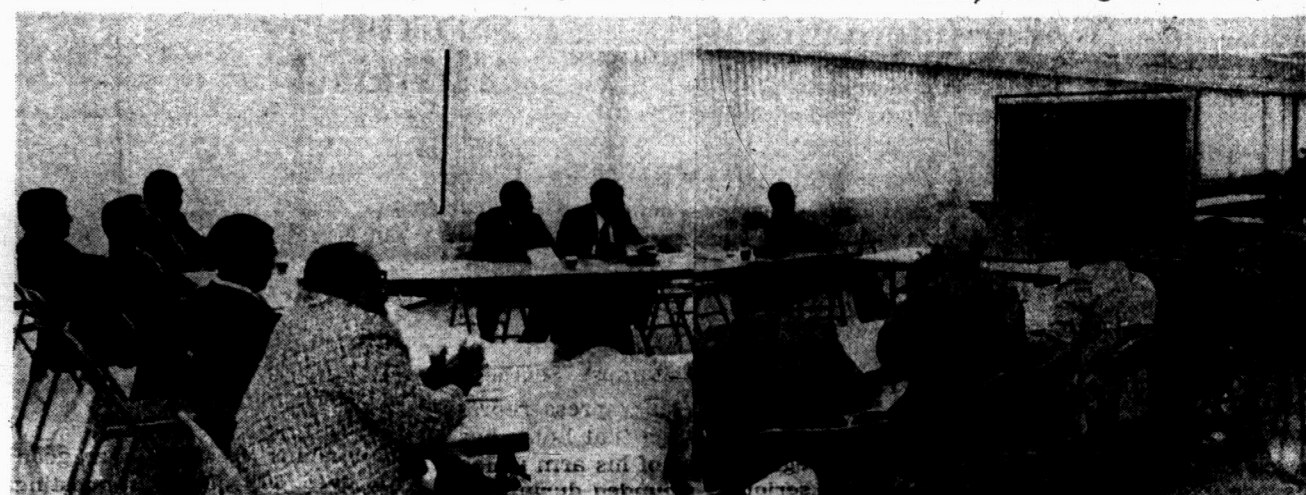
Melian Preaches Spanish Revival At Broadmoor

Rafael Melian of New Orleans was the evangelist, during a Spanish-speaking revival at Broadmoor Church in Jackson. The church sponsors a Spanish-speaking mission which meets in an old auditorium area.

David Glaze is pastor of the mission. Dr. David Grant is pas-

tor of the church. Following the Sunday morning worship service on the concluding day of the revival lunch was served at the church with everyone bringing a covered dish. On that day, there were 31 in Sunday School and 28 in the preaching service. On Wednesday night of the meeting there was an attendance of 70. On Friday night the attendance was 37.

At the lunch on Sunday there were 13 nations represented. They were Colombia, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico, Spain, Guam, Venezuela, Uruguay, El Salvador, United States, and Ecuador.



National Baptists Share In Fund Raising Seminar

A fund raising seminar was recently sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries With National Baptists, Dick Brogan, director, in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building. Participants heard up-dated ways to motivate and develop Christian givers. John Alexander and Clarence Cutrell

of the Stewardship Department shared as seminar leaders. Dennis Conniff, standing in photo, architectural consultant, shared the resources of his office with the National and Southern Baptist audience.

International Student Conference

Around The World In Three Days

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Around the world in three days, without leaving Mississippi? You might not believe it, but it can be done. Maybe you didn't know that there are at least 1,000 international students in Mississippi colleges and universities this year. You don't have to spend airfare to meet people from the other side of the earth. They are here at your doorsteps.

Two hundred of them from 33 countries came to Garaywa for the 20th International Student Conference November 7-9. That was more than twice as many as in any previous year.

I arrived at Garaywa on a chilly, moonlit Friday evening just in time to see two big chartered buses unload dozens of laughing young people. It was like arriving at the international airport in San Francisco or Hong Kong. Many flight bags bore the denotation: China Airlines. Inside,

long lines waited across the lobby, people waiting to check in. A beautiful Mexican girl was talking with a circle of Latin American friends. Two African girls came rushing in and stopped to ask a question of an American. Dang Anh Van (according to his name tag) — Ole Miss — Vietnam — was playing the piano.

I knew that the weekend had been planned by the Department of Student Work as a gesture of friendship and good will. It would be a time for fun and relaxation. At the same time, it would give the students a chance to examine the Christian faith in an atmosphere of respect for all religions.

One young man from mid-Africa confessed he finds Mississippi only "so-so." Another from Hong Kong enthusiastically told me, "I like to come here!"

There were many Orientals — about 25 from Taiwan and perhaps as many from Hong Kong,

one from Japan, one from Thailand, ten from Vietnam. Anne Huang from Taiwan, student at MUW, said, "I first time feel happy to be a foreign student in U.S. I feel some people do welcome us to visit their country, to learn their culture. These Christian people prepare the conference, tell you the date to be there and tell you, 'I love you in Jesus Christ.'" (See "Baptist Forum" on page four for a letter from Miss Huang.)

T. Kannuthurai from Madras, India, is studying at Mississippi College. "Just call me Kan-nu," he said. "My name is long." Ligia Chow, student at USM, said that she is from Nicaragua and has only been in the States two months. Louis Zanos from Zaire, his curly beard glossy and black above a red plaid shirt, answered my questions in excellent English. He said he learned the lan-

guage at an American school in Africa and can also speak French and Lingala. At Mississippi College on a football scholarship, he plans to major in business. Talking with Louis were three other MC students — Debbie Trott, her brother John, and Jeanne Smith, all missionary kids from Brazil.

When Betty Smith (Department of Student Work) and Fran Pickett (Woman's Missionary Union) finally had given all the guests their cabin assignments, and everybody had eaten "a bite of something," there was a time to get acquainted. Words of welcome were extended by Ralph Winders, director, and Jerry Merriman, associate, Department of Student Work, and Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, WMU. Student Work personnel had planned the program, and WMU was furnishing the food and lodging.

Pat Tidmore, teacher in the Meridian Public Schools, led the singing of choruses, popular songs and hymns, in a warm and engaging way. Discussion groups were led by Skip Noble, June Scoggins, Jerry Oswalt, Ron Boswell, Lib Williams, D'Ann Burke,

Neil Sanford, and Ralph Winders.

When Benton Williams spoke Saturday morning on "Here's What I Believe," his listeners included representatives of Buddhist, Hindu, Taoist, Moslem, and Christian religions. Christian denominations present were Baptist, Methodist, Quaker, Anglican, Holiness, and Catholic. A few claimed no religious faith. Students in the audience had come from Ole Miss (33); MC (10); Gulf Coast (14); Clarke (2); MSU (19); Carey (7); USM (21); MUW (90) and Hinds (2). Mr. Williams is a consultant with International Student Ministries of National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, and a former missionary to Thailand.

Saturday afternoon's options included visits to the Governor's Mansion, shopping at Jackson Mall, or playing ping pong. When chartered buses left, a couple from Van Winkle Church, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stringer, offered to provide transportation for the sightseeing excursion.

The Stringers are sponsoring two Vietnamese refugees, young men who are studying English at Hinds Junior College. I met Ho Tan Thanh from Saigon, one of the two. He said he enjoys living with the Stringers. Recently he

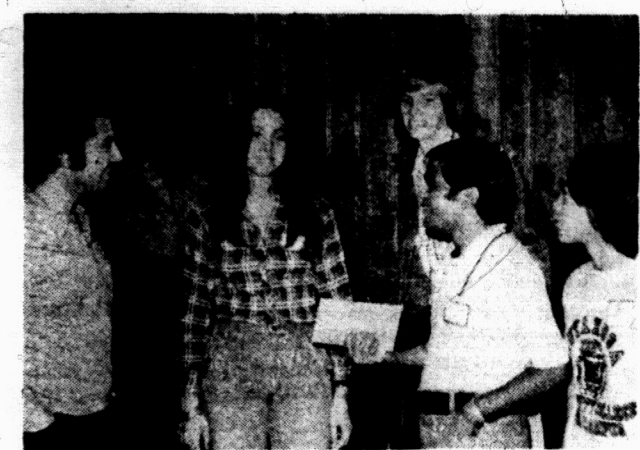
heard that his family (he has two brothers and three sisters) are safe in Thailand. He has been a Baptist for eight years and mentioned several Baptist missionaries he knew in Vietnam.

Saturday night's session lasted from 7 to 11:30. The benches were hard, but nobody wanted to leave! Pat Tidmore, 1975 summer missionary to Europe, showed slides of a special tour he and nineteen others made through Communist countries.

Jack Burke, director of International Student Services, University of Houston, talked about problems facing the international student, such as financial aid, speaking English, driving in the States, etc. (Did you know DWI could mean Driving with an International?) He ended an amusing and practical lecture by giving his own sincere and convincing Christian testimony.

I got my chance to see colorful costumes when the talent show came on at 10. Here my trip around the world took on dimensions of reality. African girls staged a fashion show. An Ameri-

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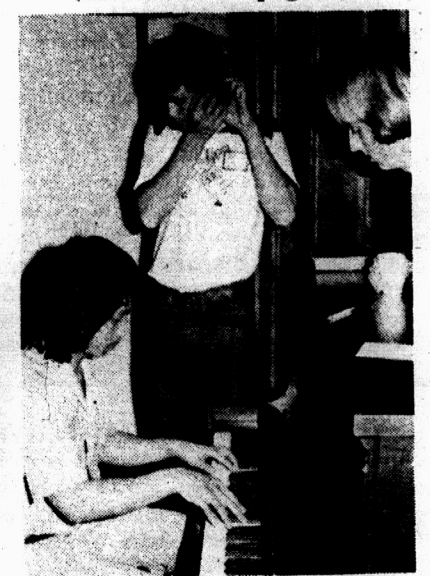
Steve Glaze, son of missionaries to Argentina, stands behind a group of international students at the annual international student conference sponsored by the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Others, left to right, are Jack Hakoura of Israel, a student at Mississippi College; Malina Leon Velarde of Peru, a student at Mississippi University for Women; Ramesh Ghelani of India, Ole Miss; and Nguyen Tan Duong, South Vietnam, MC. Glaze is also a student at MC.



Benton Williams, with the National Student Ministries of the Sunday School Board, third from right, stands with international students at the conference. Left to right, the internationals are Kaksal Turk, Turkey, University of Southern Mississippi; Grace Shang, Taiwan, USM; Ligia Chow, Nicaragua, USM; Hamideh Farokhi, Iran, USM; and Bernard Shang, Taiwan, USM.



Rev. Ralph Winders, left, director of the Department of Student Work, leads a group session at the conference.



Dang Anh Van, a student at the University of Mississippi, sits at the piano while two Mississippi State University students listen to his efforts. In the center is Bob Gross of Tupelo, and at right is Bradley Ward of Leland.

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EDITORIAL

"So Send I You"

Last Sunday I attended one of the worship services of the church where I am a member, First, Jackson. This is a privilege I seldom have, since I usually have preaching responsibilities everywhere.

As is happening in so many Southern Baptist churches at this time of the year it was missions day in the church and was an unforgettable experience. The music, the preliminary activities and the message all emphasized missions. Some foreign missionaries were presented and interviewed concerning their work. The pastor preached a stirring message on the urgency of the world mission task, using as a text the words in 2 Pet. 3:11 "Seeing that all of these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be." Every heart in the great audience should have been deeply stirred by the things that occurred in this service.

This service, however, was not alone in the missionary impact. The whole weekend had been given to a "mission experience." Someone used the word "spectacular" and it really was that. Several foreign missionaries were guests of the church to participate in the program. A "Streets of the World" exhibit area was set up to dramatize the mission witness in many countries, and a special section dealt with world hunger. Twenty exhibits were carefully prepared by different organizations and classes. On Friday night, Saturday and Sunday the missionaries met with different groups, and the whole world mission program of Southern Baptists, both in the proclamation of the gospel and in the ministering to

human need, were presented and emphasized. The Sunday worship services were climactic to a mighty week-end emphasis on missions. Every part of it spoke to all of us who participated.

I think that the moment that moved me most, even though all of it was great, was when the choir was singing a special arrangement of "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations," and ended it with a refrain from another song, "So Send I You." As they sang these stirring words, flags of many nations were being carried down the aisles. I sat enthralled as the words "So send I You" rang through my heart. These are, of course, words which Jesus spoke to His disciples in the appearance in the upper room on the evening after His resurrection. He said to them, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

These words should touch every Christian. They clearly emphasize the world mission task which our Lord made so plain. He came into the world to seek and to save the lost, and He sends us to tell all men of that salvation.

If there was a tremendous responsibility upon those who heard those words when Jesus spoke them, think of how much greater is that responsibility today. In that day there were perhaps two hundred and fifty million people in the world; today there are more than four billion. The vast majority of them are lost; indeed more than half have not even heard of Christ. We as Christians have the good news of redemption that they need more than anything else in the world, and we are under marching

orders to carry that message to them.

As I sat in that worship service last Sunday and thought of all the millions of lost people represented by those waving flags, I knew that those words of my Lord meant me. He was saying to my heart, "So send I you!" I often have wished that I might have been a missionary. As I have preached the missionary message, as I have listened to missionaries talk, and as I have actually visited and preached on some of the mission fields, I have wished that I might have gone with the message as so many others have gone. However, it was not God's will. My life has been in His hands, and He had other plans for me. Along with the great majority of other Christians my place of service was in other fields of God's kingdom work.

Yet, the command to all of us is that we "Go!" Christ's commission is not selective. His word is that all of us who are Christians are to be missionary, even though we are not vocationally called to the task. How could we do it? How could we go if we were not called or sent? God had a way.

He revealed to Southern Baptists, even as I am sure he has to other Christian groups, the plan by which every Christian can go to the mission fields through mission offerings. While we cannot go personally we can share in sending others whom God has called.

Southern Baptists have been led to adopt two methods for doing this. Clearly both are God given. The first is the Cooperative Program, which is the regular program of mission support in which every church and every member can participate. The second plan is special love offerings for missions. These may be made at any time but for most Southern Baptists Christmas is the time for love gifts to foreign missions. That is the time of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. It is taken in connection with the annual Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in the churches.

The Lottie Moon Offering is one of the greatest offerings for foreign missions made by any denomination, and this year's goal of \$24,000,000 probably is the largest foreign mission offering ever taken in the history of Christianity. Every Southern Baptist is invited and urged to share in this great love gift to our Lord for His work.

As I sat in my church last Sunday morning, I knew that I must have a worthy part, even as I have tried to do each Christmas for many years past.

For this year, I was hearing anew, the words of my Lord, "So send I you. . . . So send I you. . . . So send I you."

the various kinds of ministry performed by the Society, and the second part discusses growth and development of the Society.

LIVING WITH DEPRESSION AND WINNING by Sarah Fraser (Tyndale, \$1.45, paper, 110 pp.) The common experience of emotional ups and downs told with utter fascination and unusual insight by one who lived through the trauma of extreme emotional illness.

CRAM COURSE FOR ETERNITY by Dick Eastman (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.25, 61 pp.) This book, addressed especially to the youth, but of interest to any age, answers questions: Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? and shares what the Bible says of involvement in the Jesus life, and of eternal life.

STAND UP TO LIFE! by Donald E. Wildmon (Abingdon, 111 pp., \$3.95) This book shows how to make the best of every moment. Mr. Wildmon, a Methodist pastor in Tupelo, says "Life is worth living if you can make it so. But you have to work at it." His formula: use Christian faith in a practical way and share it with others.

BUILDING WITH BUSES by Daniel Johnson (Baker, paper, \$2.95, 134 pp.) A pastor with vision for the lost enthusiastically sets forth proof that the bus ministry pays.

THE MORNING STAR, GOD'S GIFT FOR DAILY LIVING by Denise Rinker Adler, edited by Rosalind Rinker (Word Books, 130 pp., \$4.95) A collection of meditations, one for each day for three months. Each is based on a Scripture verse; emphasis is on applying Christianity to daily life.

Thanksgiving

During a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, in 1949, Dr. Robert G. Lee preached at the annual Community Thanksgiving service, held that year at the First Baptist Church, on Thursday morning, November 23.

His outline, which I copied down in the back of one of his books of sermons, was as follows:

He was thankful to God for:

- Perpetuities
- Places
- Possessions
- Pious Parents
- Pardon
- Permanence
- Person of Persons
- Place of Places

I wish that I had a copy of that sermon. It was the greatest thanksgiving message I ever heard. One has only to look at this outline, and think of the Lee method of filling in each point, and realize the heights to which he carried his audi-

ence. All of it was in praise to God, for Dr. Lee recognized Him as the source of every one of these blessings.

We do not have the message, but we do have the outline. I suggest that each one of us look at these alliterative words and fill in our own message of the many blessings of God for which we can praise Him, twenty-six years after the above message was delivered from the heart of a great preacher.

God was blessing His children in 1949!

He is blessing them today! Let us, at this thanksgiving time, praise Him in our own way, as Dr. Lee praised Him in his own way, more than a quarter of a century ago.

"Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation" (Psa. 111:1).

NEWEST BOOKS

THE SPIRIT IS A-MOVIN by R. Russell Bixler (Creation House, 197 pp., \$4.95) The subtitle is "16 charismatic descriptions of how, where, and why" the Spirit is moving. These are discussions of the Holy Spirit, establishing, loving, empowering, guiding, evangelizing, healing and delivering, a worshipping. Those who question some of the claims concerning the charismatic movement will disagree with some of the things in this book, but will have a testimony concerning the experiences claimed.

THE UNPREDICTABLE WIND by C. Brandon Rimmer & Bill Brown (Thomas Nelson, 115 pp., \$2.95) A study of the Holy Spirit by a theological professor and a Bible student with a radio ministry, discusses who the Holy Spirit is, how he comes into the life of the believer and his work in us. Gifts of the Spirit, including the so called charismatic gifts of today are discussed frankly and with understanding. Rosalind Rinker says that this is the best book about the baptism and the filling of the Holy Spirit that she ever read.

THE KEY by Bob Forbes (Vantage, 182 pp., \$5.95) The author is a radio station personality in South Carolina. He has served as disk jockey MC news director and other places of radio ministry. Through working with a radio preacher in a question-answer show, he came to recognize that the Bible has the message for men's hearts and he began to study the Word of God regularly. In this book he tells some of his experiences and gives the actual practical suggestions on plans for reading and study of the Bible.

FRESH WIND OF THE SPIRIT by Kenneth Cain Kinghorn (Abingdon, 128 pp., \$2.95) The author is a professor of church history at Asbury Theological Seminary. He believes that in this 20th century, Christians need something beyond themselves to live the life which God expects. He says that the Holy Spirit has been provided to supply that need and that he is ready to give it to the believer.

THE HOUSE CHURCH by Philip and Phoebe Anderson (Abingdon, 176 pp., paper, \$4.50) A discussion of group fellowships and what they can mean in the lives of Christians. The book opens with an actual experience of a fellowship of 16 people who spent many hours together in one week-end. This they called "A House Church." The rest of the book is given to discussion of the practical use of such programs.

THE LIFE OF FAITH by Mrs. C. Nuzum (Gospel Publishing House, paper 95 pp., \$1.00) An assembling of material first presented in tract form relating to problems and experiences of the Christian life.

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GROW A MESSIANIC SYNAGOGUE by Philip E. Goble (William Carey Library, 158 pp., paper \$2.45) A Jewish Christian, a Jew who has accepted Christ as the Messiah, discusses Messianic Judaism and shows how Jews who have accepted Christ can give a positive witness to their nation today.

WOMEN WHO CARRIED THE GOOD NEWS by Eleanor Hull (Judson Press, 96 pp., \$2.95) This book is the history of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society. The first part describes



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Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
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The redeemed rejoice and proclaim in many languages and with many methods in the 80 foreign mission fields around the world.

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Taiwan Student Praises Weekend For Internationals

Mr. Jerry Merriman
Department of Student Work
Dear Mr. Merriman:

Never writing any formal things in English, but I do have some special feeling about this International Student Conference I attended at Garaywa November 7-9.

First, it is such a perfect conference, everything prepared. The most happy thing is that many of my friends, not Christians, feel "How nice these people are. Why they are so nice to us?" They start to get some ideas about Christians in their minds. It is very hard to introduce our religion, our Christ, to some persons. They already reject "religion." But at this conference they see what kind of life a Christian has. They see it, they like it and they start to think about it.

Second, I first time feel happy to be a foreign student in U. S. I feel some people do welcome us to visit their country, to learn their culture. Before this, you talk with Americans, they all ask same questions. 1. Where you from? 2. What's your major? 3. Do you like here? That's all. Sometimes they have pity in their eyes for you: you are so lonely, so far from home, but you are still you, they are still they. They are afraid you get any advantage from their country because you are a foreigner.

In this conference time, Americans want you to travel their country, to learn their culture, to earn their money if you can. They are not afraid you get anything from them. They just want you to have a good experience in U. S. when you study here. Third, they do care for you. They are not just say that, they meant it and they do themselves in many times.

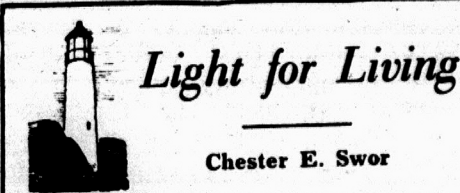
You have the invitations from many friendly - faced Americans to their home to visit, to eat, to spend the week-ends, but they never tell you when. They say you are sweet, they enjoy you so much, they want to do something for you, but they never start it. They just have the big mouth in their social life to show off. This time, these Christian people prepare it, tell you the date to be there and tell you, "I love you in Jesus Christ."

Thirty - three countries get together, so many different cultures, different people. You talk to some people, their country just a name in your mind before. You have a chance to tell other people about your country, too. Then you will find people almost the same, no matter what country you come from, no matter what language you speak. The more you know other people, the more you like them.

In the talent show we find each country has some special things so interesting. We do learn and enjoy something from your country.

Share! Share! You can't force other people to be Christian, to like your country if you don't help them. How to show other people your God, your country is your chance today.
Anne Huang (from Taiwan)
P. O. Box W-546
Columbus, Ms. 39701

THE ACTS OF THE GREEN APPLES by Jean Stone Williams (Whitaker House, paper, \$1.45, 191 pp., paper) Today people of every description flock to the Williams' mission in Hong Kong. But it wasn't always so. The Williamses were once quiet suburbanites. The story of how they got to Hong Kong is told here in this heart-warming, miracle-studded, and hilarious account.



Thankful For Everything?

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God. . . ." Did you mean, Paul, that I should be thankful for even the disappointments, closed doors, frustrations, defeats, sufferings, and other hurts which life may bring to me? Did you really mean all things? If so, please tell me how!

The writer of that remarkable thanksgiving suggestion had given up a tremendous future in the Jewish world with its prestige, popularity, and probable prosperity; yet he was joyously thankful to have "suffered the loss of all things" for the "excellent knowledge" of Jesus Christ. He counted it a privilege to suffer stonings, lashes, shipwreck, rejection, ridicule, imprisonment, and even physical death; for in those adversities he experienced the thrill of God's power and a fellowship with Christ he could not have known otherwise, and without which he could not have given all of us the happy assurance, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

It would take a degree of sainthood to which you and I have not arrived to rejoice in the vicissitudes of life simply because they are unpleasant, and, at times, sunken in with mere human strength; but we can rejoice in the promise of total victory over whatever of hurt life brings to us.

God has promised to go before us to work in our behalf (Deuteronomy 31:8). He has promised to walk with us to sustain us (Isaiah 41:10,13). He has promised to meet all our needs (Psalm 23 and Philippians 4:19). He will give us perfect peace, even in life's storms (Isaiah 26:3). He will give us complete victory over whatever life brings (Isaiah 40:31, Romans 8:28,37).

Also, in handling life's unexpected and unwanted experiences successfully with God's power, we may in retrospect actually thank him for what seemed earlier a total loss. Fanny Crosby, looking back over what the hymns of her blindness made possible, would thank God for the insight of soul which blindness inspired doubtless. John Bunyan would surely thank God for the victory over his imprisonment in Bedford jail - a time-out which made possible his producing *Pilgrim's Progress*, which blessed so many generations. And aren't we all grateful for the cross - not for the excruciating suffering of our Lord, but for the atonement which his victory over the cross made possible?

Thank you, Paul, for reminding us that we can be "Giving thanks always for all things unto God!"
—Chester Swor

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A Little Band Of Pilgrims Set Sail In 1620

A little band of Pilgrims

—Not so very many—
Set sail for America,
September, 1620.
They were coming from England,
—On the Mayflower, you see—
They wanted to worship God
In a land that was free.
So, with a song in their hearts,
They boarded the ship,
All looking forward
To a wonderful trip.
There soon arose a storm at sea;
The waves beat wild and high,
The ship began to leak;
The Pilgrims thought they'd die.
Some said, "Let's go back to
England!"

But the brave ones answered,
"Nay —
For the Lord is with us, and
He'll go with us all the way."
They suffered many hardships,
And trials, that is true —
But God did not forsake them —
He saw them safely through.
And on November 9,
At last they sighted land
And on the shore with thankful
hearts

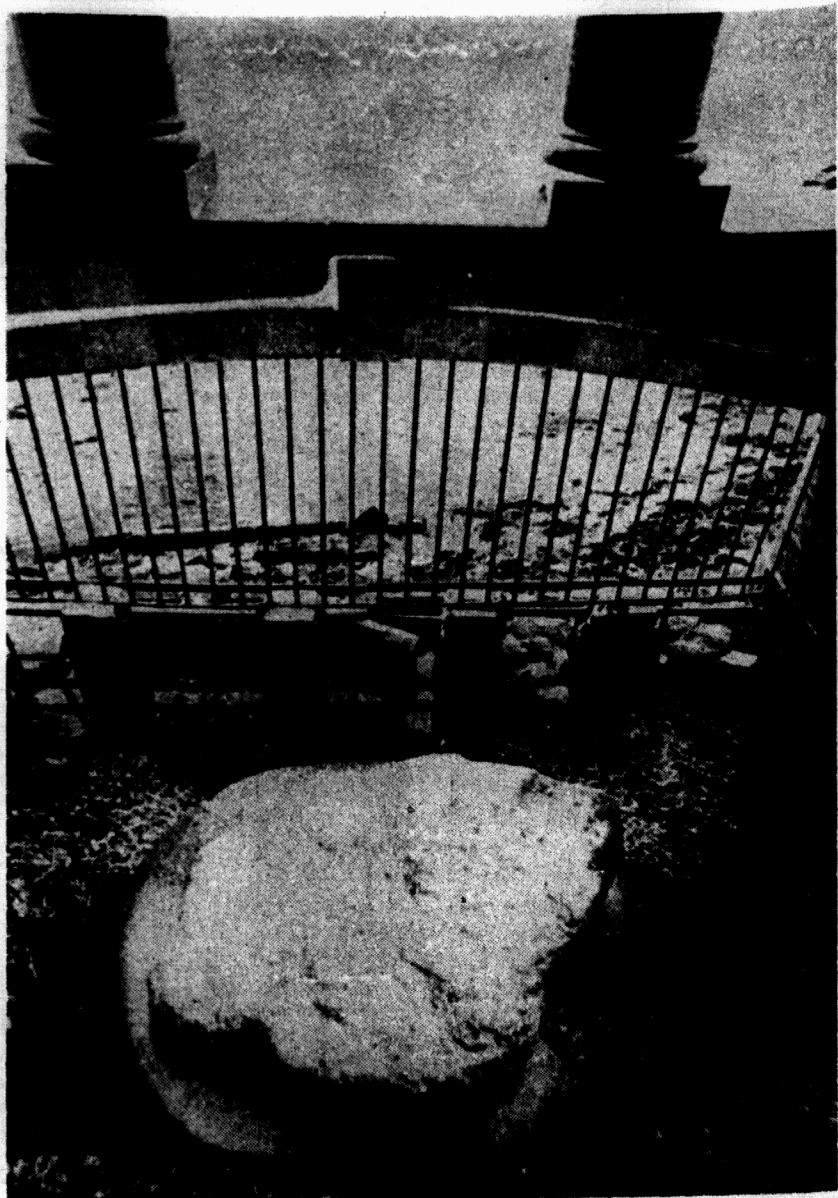
They knelt down in the sand.
The Lord blessed the Pilgrims
In their newfound land
He stayed right beside them
To give a helping hand.
He helped them build their
Homes and churches and schools,
Helped establish laws,
And governments and rules.
He helped to write the
Textbooks for the institutions
And he helped them to form
Our great Constitution.
He taught them to be fair,
Honest and just—
So they wrote on their coins,
"In God we trust."
Yes, he founded our nation,
He made life worth living,
And without him there
Would be no Thanksgiving.
No Christmas or Easter
Or Fourth of July —
Without God, my friends,
America would die.
So let's thank him
For his love, his grace, his
power,
Let's thank him for
The Pilgrims, and the
Mayflower.
Let's keep God in our
Homes and in our schools
Let's trust in his word
And obey his rules.
Let's love our parents,
Our teachers, our brothers,
Let's respect our own race,
And all the others.
Let us spread joy and peace
and love
And then look up to God above:
"Thank you, God for our
salvation,
And thank you for this wonderful
nation."
—Molly Fairchild

JERUSALEM (RNS) — Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, said here, that Western protests against mistreatment of Soviet Jews should try "not to upset the Soviets too much." Dr. Goldmann advised that efforts should include concern for the rights of Jews to emigrate from the Soviet Union, "millions who will stay in the USSR whose right to live as Jews is no less important than ally's (immigration)."

BWA President Reports On Visit To China

By David Y. K. Wong
President, Baptist World Alliance
Editor's note: David Y. K. Wong, 1975-80 BWA president, visited the People's Republic of China for three weeks, Sept. 11-Oct. 5, the first visit of a Baptist official to the mainland since the late 1940s. Wong, a native of Wuchow, China, moved in 1949 from Canton to Hong Kong, where he is an architectural engineer. Wong filed this report the BWA Washington office.

HONG KONG — For a long time I have felt that it would be good for me to visit China and see first hand some of the changes that have taken place in recent years. This feeling was reinforced after my election to the presidency of the Baptist World Alliance in July. Many people have asked me how I, as a Chinese, feel about China, the country of my birth. My travel schedule was arranged by the China Travel Service. They were courteous and helpful at all times. I was cleared for a three-week tour of three cities in south China, Canton, Amoy, and Swatow. When I crossed the border at Shum Chun a man await-



PLYMOUTH ROCK—A light blanket of snow covers the site where religious pilgrims landed in Massachusetts on Dec. 21 (Dec. 11, Old Style), 1620. The site, named after Plymouth Co., on a map by Capt. John Smith, is a reminder of America's religious heritage. (BP)—Photo by Home Mission Board

At Thanksgiving: What Is There To Celebrate?

We have so magnified the evils of our nation that what is right with America is almost completely obscured.

Granted there is corruption in government and business along with the problems of racism, crime, poverty, and religious phoniness. Yet there are some basic things that Americans can celebrate on the 200th birthday of their nation and at Thanksgiving.

We can celebrate the birth of our nation, the founding fathers, the documents (Declaration of Independence and the Constitution) which embody the ideals of our nation and make for a realistic balance of power between the branches of government.

The good news of Watergate is that our democracy works. It is a political system which can identify and correct its own evils. The basic theory of our Constitution

has been demonstrated once more—namely, that the ultimate power rests with the people and not the politicians.

The impeachment of a President whose administration sought to subvert our democratic institutions and politicize governmental agencies say to the world that our government is alive and well.

We can celebrate our economic growth.

To the founding fathers our wealth today would appear incredible. Almost every family in the U. S. enjoys such luxuries as the refrigerator, the radio, the TV set. More than 90 percent have telephones, while 97 percent have washing machines and 80 percent have cars. More than 60 percent of all families own their own homes.

Let us celebrate our scientific and technological progress.

America has led the world in scientific achievements from the cotton gin to the computer and from the first airplane flight at Kitty Hawk, N. C., to the moon landings by the astronauts.

We can celebrate our educational progress.

America has schools for all children. Over 8 million youths in this nation are in colleges and graduate schools. Two thirds of them come from families that never attended college.

Today over 50 percent of all Americans 25 years old and above have finished high school. Seventeen year olds now know more about science and society than most of the graduates of a generation ago. This is in spite of the fact that many of our schools are so structured and administered as to prevent teachers from teaching and students from

learning.

America has made significant progress in health care, in the liberation of oppressed citizens (women and minority racial groups), and in recreational life. Our citizens enjoy large blocks of leisure time. More working people enjoy paid vacations. Even the poor can take advantage of community recreational facilities provided by local, state, and federal funds.

Above all we can celebrate our political and religious freedom.

We can rejoice in the fact that our Constitution guarantees freedom of religion, of speech, of the press, of assembly, and other basic rights. In this nation there are no "Checkpoint Charlies" for one can move about freely, exercise options, and generally feel secure from an oppressive government.

Religious freedom in America is unique. It has made for the remarkable growth of religion in this country where more than 250 different religious denominations flourish.

Synagogues, Buddhist temples, and Moslem mosques, storefront churches and cathedrals exist with full religious freedom. In communist countries there is a systematic effort to destroy all religions.

Our democracy is in a crisis. But its real threat is not foreign totalitarianism, but apathy and inaction on the part of the people. Only by exercising responsible citizenship can we preserve and promote democracy and the right to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Henlee H. Barnett is professor of Christian ethics at Southern Seminary in Louisville.)

Diminutive Korean Now At Home In Columbus, Mississippi

By Gregory B. Versen, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Sociology, MUW

Dr. Joe McKeever, pastor of First Church, Columbus, and his wife, Margaret, are the parents of three children. A typical American family? Well, not exactly. Prior to May 28, 1974, their family consisted of only two boys, Neil, then 11, and Marty, then 8. On the 28th, they welcomed the newest family member, Carla Jinoke McKeever, a diminutive Korean orphan girl who had been adopted through the Holt Adoptive Program.

Jinoke, as she is known to everyone, was found abandoned on the streets of Seoul, Korea,

when she was only one day old. She was taken to a police station in Seoul and then transferred to the Holt Orphanage. Five years, three months later, she made the long trek halfway across the world to join the McKeever family and begin a new life.

The McKeever first became interested in the plight of orphans in Southeast Asia while he was pastor of Immanuel Church, Greenville. They began by sending money to be used in the support of Vietnamese orphans.

In 1973, they felt the Lord was leading them to adopt one of these homeless children. They applied to adopt an older Vietnamese girl.

Margaret describes why they chose that particular type child, "... there were something like 350,000 children in Vietnam that were either homeless, or hurt in the streets, or in orphanages. Children over four are classified as being handicapped, unadoptable, because nobody wants an older child. We couldn't stand to think about that."

In their adoption application papers, they requested a Vietnamese girl or a Korean girl. They made it very clear to the Holt Agency of Eugene, Oregon, that they were willing to take an older child, even one suffering a war wound, "... the Lord has blessed

us so well and we are in a good position to get what is needed if she needs some physical attention."

During the fall of 1973, they were visited on three separate occasions by a social worker from the welfare office, finalizing their adoption application. Shortly after their arrival in Columbus, they received word from the Holt Agency that Jinoke was available and that very few Vietnamese children were available for adoption. Joe's response to the fact that the child was Korean, "Well, how do you turn down a child in need just because she

happens to be the wrong nationality? We prayed about it. It seemed right."

Loaded down with advice to expect the worst and to hope for the best, Joe and Margaret flew to Kansas City, Mo., to meet and pick up Jinoke as her new parents. The flight home was uneventful, with one minor exception. Jinoke asked for some water to drink. They gave her some 7-Up. It so surprised her, as she had never tasted anything like it

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The revised constitution of The People's Republic of China says "a citizen has freedom of religion." However, he also has freedom of anti-religion, freedom to make propaganda for atheism. Because of this clause some people gather around the temples and ridicule the worshippers.

I decided to take a look at former church buildings and I visited several that were known to me. All of them have been put to use as factories, schools, or people's assembly halls. I made an unsuccessful attempt to contact former preachers and pastors and church leaders. It is said that a church operates in Peking, and possibly in Shanghai, conducting services on Sunday mainly for foreigners. If a tour group wishes to hold a service on Sunday in a hotel, permission is required and usually granted. I also heard that the former Nanking Theological Seminary started some classes a few years ago.

Several years ago I heard about a Chinese Christian who was sick in bed. She told a friend that she tried to say the Lord's Prayer, but she couldn't remember all the words. She said that she felt comforted and blessed even though she only said part of it. I wrote out the entire prayer in Chinese so that her friend could take it to her. There is a hunger for God's word in China. Bibles are largely unobtainable. There are still Christian people in China in spite of this. I met and talked with several of them when I was there. Many told me they pray

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Becoming Reconciled

By Wm. J. Fallis
Genesis 45:14-26

Nearly three months ago we started our study of Genesis, and you may have felt that we already knew its stories well enough. It you read through the book, especially in a recent translation, you gained a fresh awareness of the relationship of those stories within the whole book. As you have noticed the lesson titles, you have realized that the emphasis has indeed been on meanings. They are valuable and memorable, but adults should be able to see important truth in them. Some may feel that the narratives in Genesis are too simple or naive for our complex times, but they still present truth and insight applicable in any age.



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The Lesson Explained
Joseph Revealed Himself
(Genesis 45:1-15)

Although Joseph declared his identity in verse 3, the brothers were too shocked to respond. They remembered him as the teenage brother, probably struggling against the rope that bound him to the traders' caravan. How could this powerful man in Egyptian costume be Joseph?

Then Joseph invited them to come closer, perhaps to see him more clearly, and he identified himself as the one "whom ye sold into Egypt." That was a sort of password, the secret they all knew. Immediately, he reassured them that he was not condemning them. Because of the way things had turned out, evidently God was working out his intention in it all. And his purpose was "to preserve life." Joseph's God-given wisdom had saved many lives in Egypt, and the food crisis would last five

more years. But Joseph seems to be emphasizing here his role under God in preserving for his father's family "a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors" (RSV). It was important for the brothers to escape death so that they could have descendants.

For such a great purpose, God has turned the evil deed of the brothers into a means for accomplishing good. Modern knowledge of Egyptian government indicates that the vizier of prime minister was described as the father of Pharaoh. Joseph had been given immense power for administering the food program.

Jacob Moves To Goshen
When Pharaoh heard about the reunion, he told Joseph to invite them to bring their father and their own families to Egypt. After they reported all this to Jacob, he sought God's guidance and led his whole clan to the land of Goshen,

a good region for sheep and cattle. Pharaoh welcomed them and Jacob blessed him. Not only was Jacob's family now close to the food supply, but it gained some land and prospered. After seventeen years Jacob realized he was near death, and he blessed Joseph's sons and talked seriously with his own sons, predicting their roles in the future. When Jacob died, Joseph had been embalmed by the Egyptians, and he and his brothers carried the body back to Canaan and buried it in the cave of Machpelah, where Abraham and Sarah were buried.

Joseph Reassures His Brothers
Genesis 50:15-21

The brothers must have felt that Joseph restrained his vengeance only on Jacob's account. When they all returned to Egypt, they sent a message to the mighty Joseph reporting a death-bed command from their father, and they asked his forgiveness for what they had done to him. Later, when they came into his presence, they prostrated themselves and said, "We be thy servants." Joseph responded in tears. He knew that God had already forgiven them how could Joseph do anything else?

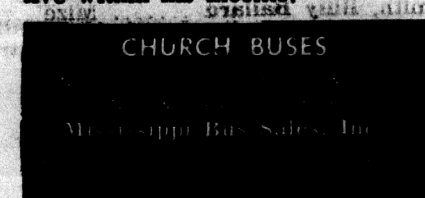
clusion of this great passage of scripture that obedience is indispensable to discipleship. This reflects Jesus' sense of having the right to make ultimate claims upon men and his position that their destiny is bound up with their obedience to him.

If we are to be in any sense followers of Jesus, we must hear and do. To learn to obey is the most important thing in life.

Test yourself! How do you judge others? How do you pray (Matt. 7:7-12)? How do you treat others? Which gate have you entered to live? Does your life produce evil or good fruit? Are you a person of words only, or do you do the Father's command? How does God see your life—not how do you compare to others.

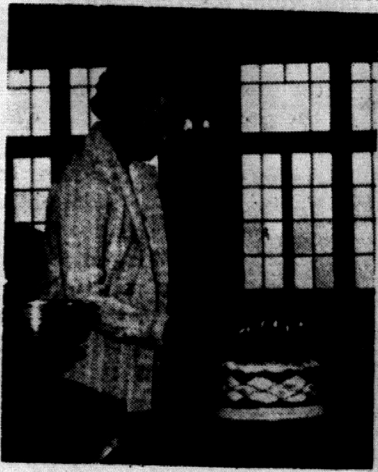
Make Them Pay
Make experience of the past pave a super highway for the future — not a road block.

Rough Going
The fellow with the pinched expression today is just trying to live within his income.



District I WMU Meets At First, Richton

The annual meeting of District I, Woman's Missionary Union, was held at First Church, Richton on November 6. Mrs. A. T. Walker, at left above, is district director. Mrs. Rothell Blackledge is associate director.



Mrs. Marty Turner of Greene Association, right, placed a lighted candle on a cake, representing a missionary on his birthday.



Puppeteers from First Church, Richton (Rev. Fred Trexler, Jr., pastor) performed.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

How Do You Test Yourself?

By Bill Duncan
Matt 7:1-23

How do you test yourself? Do you compare yourself to someone else? Do you really look in the mirror with the honest desire to see yourself as God sees you?

Most Christians wear a mask. They pretend to be something they are not. They really are not happy. The Christian life is such a wonderful life that no one should be afraid to be himself. Ask yourself some good questions. Talk to yourself. Pray that God would empower you to be the person he would have you to be.

Everyone is quick to think critically about other people. Forming judgments is an inescapable function of the mind, but expressing them is subject to control. Jesus warned us that when we start to judge others, we bring upon ourselves the judgment of God. When we deny mercy to others we deny it to ourselves. In each judgment one reveals his own standards and values.

The hypocrisy of condemning in others what we tolerate in ourselves is set forth in the analogy of the speck and the log. Jesus asked why one would try to remove a mote (a particle of dust) from another's eye when there was a team (a fence rail or rafter) in his own eye. One should clean up around his own house before he criticizes the housekeeping of others. In such action one deceives himself more than he deceives others.

Jesus is not saying that we are to ignore the speck in our brother's eye. It is our business to try to free a brother from the speck that impairs his vision. But one is in position for this ministry only after the log is out of his own eye. Both the log and the speck must be removed.

Only after one comes under the judgment of God and confesses his sins asking God to forgive him will he know the real needs of his brother. Only then can he see clearly the speck in his brother's eye.

Jesus was trying to drive home the fact that only the faultless has a right to look for faults in others. No man has a right to

criticize another man unless he is prepared at least to try to do the thing he criticizes better. We would do well to concentrate on our own faults, and to leave the faults of others to God.

"Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them." This was a revelation from God that had never been said before. It was a new teaching, and a new view of life and of life's obligations.

This proverb was known in a negative form: "What is hateful to yourself, do to no other." Jesus gave it positive form and termed it the essence of the law and the prophets.

The Golden Rule presupposes discipleship submission to the rule of God. It is not a sufficient rule for everyone. As a disciple of Jesus Christ, one is to be concerned for the other person's good as well as for his own.

It is never very difficult not to do things. Anyone could satisfy the negative form of the rule by simple inaction.

When we are told that we must actively do to others what we would have them do to us, a new

principle enters into life. This new attitude develops into a new life. How can you ever do this? The man who has Jesus in his life will love others as Jesus loves him. He can never do this until "self" dies. Man is selfish. Jesus is love. He can never do it until self is crucified and Jesus is the life.

Jesus concluded the Sermon on the Mount with the idea that man is either "saved" or "lost." There are "two gates": narrow gate leads to life and the wide gate leads to destruction. The narrow gate way of life is hard because of the disciplined way of life, and few come in.

There are good trees and bad trees. There are those who are saying "Lord, Lord" without doing the will of God. Then Jesus says there is a difference between hearing and doing. One who hears Jesus' words and does them is compared to a wise man who built his house upon a rock. One who hears but does not do is like a foolish man who built his house upon sand. One foundation holds while the other gives away.

Jesus was stressing in the con-

Long Beach Women Attend Retreat At Park

First Church, Long Beach, held a women's retreat at Paul B. Johnson State Park, October 31-November 1. The retreat entailed Bible study with passages chosen related to personal spiritual advancement and the edification of the church. Dialogue sessions were scheduled with subjects ranging from personal Christian development and worship to witnessing and citizenship. A special session was centered around a critical analysis of the purpose and program of the church. Attended by 24 ladies of the church, the retreat was led by their pastor, Dr. Gail DeBord.



Thanksgiving is doing just like everything else — coming around more and more often. Well, maybe it still comes just once a year, but the years seem shorter. However, there is one thing that doesn't get shorter, and that's our blessings.

I'm thankful for such a long list of things.

For James.

For my newly-conditioned old typewriter, which I am so sentimental about that I probably will not be able to part with when our ship comes in and I can buy a new one.

For telephone calls from our boys even when they don't need anything.

For the fifty-sixth wedding anniversary my Mother and Daddy will celebrate next week. For my brother and my sister and their families.

For aunts, and uncles, and a cousins.

For friends.

For food, heat, cooling, clothing, work to do, health to do the work.

For love to give and love to receive.

For the strengthening power of God in times of stress, fear, anxiety.

For the cheering power of God in times of ease, confidence, and leisure.

For the freedom to go to my church to worship.

For the freedom my neighbor has to go to his church to worship.

For walking, singing, resting, sleeping.

For easy breathing.

For being.

And for knowing that I will always be.

Off The Record

A woman told an ear specialist: "I've never had any trouble hearing, but lately I've had a little trouble overhearing."

A man went diffidently to the nurse in the hospital and said: "I'm calling about Miss Brown. How is she doing?"

"Well, right now she is convalescing."

"In that case, I'll just wait until another time."—Hugh Park.

During a lecture on science the instructor asked one student.

"This gas contains poison. What steps would you take if it should by chance escape?" "Long ones," came the reply.—Carolina Country.

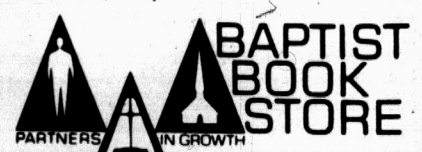
Myrtle: "I didn't know you were on the football team. What do you do?" Herman: "I'm an aerialist." Myrtle: "An aerialist?" Herman: "Yes, I keep the footballs blown up."

Girls were harder to kiss in your day, weren't they, Grandpa?" the young man inquired. "Maybe so, but it wasn't so dangerous," the grandfather answered. "I never heard of a sofa running off the road and smashing into a telephone pole."

Ad in the Sacramento Bee: Mature lady needs job as typist. Can already type "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog." Willing to learn other phrases.—Funny Funny World.



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Missionary's Mother Dies

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 for Mrs. Nellie Bell Calcott, 73, of Route 1, Box 116, Wesson. She died Nov. 14 in her home.

A native of Lincoln county, she is survived by a son, Rev. Ralph B. Calcott, missionary to Japan; three daughters, Mrs. Christine Dickey of Idaho, Mrs. Catharine Mehr of Calif., and Mrs. Helen Huff of Natchez; three sisters. Her granddaughter, Nancy Calcott, is a student at Mississippi College.

NEWEST BOOKS

Book Describes Hungry World

WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A HUNGRY WORLD? by W. Stanley Mooneyham (Word Books, \$6.95, 272 pp.). Dr. Mooneyham, president of World Vision International, spends at least 2-3 of every year traveling the world in search of the helpless and needy. In this book he talks about the hungry people of the world, and tells the stories of individuals who are suffering. He presents facts and figures, always making them personal. He dispels some of the myths that surround the topic of hunger, and offers his ideas about what could be done for the world's hungry. He says, "We must learn to see the starving masses as hurting, agonizing individuals. We must increase our sensitivity to wastefulness. And we must respond with a commitment to care." It is not a book for pleasure reading—but it is a book that all of us should read, and heed.

CONSIDER THIS CHILD... REFLECTIONS ON PARENTHOOD by Wesley H. Hagger; **"MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT"** Devotional Thoughts for Hospital Patients by Cornelius Oldenburger; **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TEENAGER** by Florence M. Woodard; **MOM'S MINUTES WITH GOD** by Lynn Kant Saltee; **THE VALLEY OF SHADOWS**, Comforting Words for Sad Hearts by Herschel H. Hobbs; **CONSIDER THE STONES**, God Will Guide You by Wesley H. Hagger; **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** by Doris and Donald Mainprize; **THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM** by C. R. Hembree (Baker Book House, 95 cents each). These tiny booklets in greeting card form, with envelope for mailing, are filled with poetry and meditations to fit the needs of many occasions—a new baby, a death in the family, a birthday, Mother's Day, an anniversary, etc. Appropriate covers are in bright designs. Attractive line drawings illustrate several of the booklets. Almost any greeting card now costs from 50 cents to a dollar—so these with their rich contents are well worth the price.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT EMOTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH edited by Paul R. Keating (Keats, paper, \$1.50, 125 pp.). Nine authoritative discussions of neuroses, written from an informed Christian viewpoint.

THE BIBLE IS TRUE by Gertrude Wassorung - Treador (Midnight Call, paper, 23 pp., \$1.75). Brief discussion of scripture proofs that the Bible is true.

CHRISTIANS IN THE SHADOW OF THE KREMLIN by Anita and Peter Deyneka, Jr. (David C. Cook, 96 pp., \$1.50, paper). In Russia, churches have become museums, Christians are harassed, and Marxist historians have tried to create a godless state. But according to the authors of this book, the Bible in Russia still remains "the greatest hidden treasure of all." Missionaries of the Slavic Gospel Association, the Deynekas provide a unique glimpse of real Russians—students, workers, professionals, atheists, Jews, and Christians—and how they live "in a state that fears the power of faith."

THE GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD by Ruth Hitchcock (David C. Cook, 230 pp., \$6.95). This is the superbly written autobiography of Ruth Hitchcock, missionary to China from 1913 to 1940, and missionary teacher in Hong Kong from 1940 to 1971.

PEBBLES OF FAITH by William S. Stoddard (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.25, 122 pp.). These poems by a Presbyterian pastor are reflections of love and inspiration for Christians of all ages.

NO FAT ANSWERS by Eugenia Price (Zondervan, paper, \$1.50, 145 pp.). This intensely human, sensitive, honest book looks at the difficult questions, the sometimes shattering inner struggles with life and death, pain and suffering that every person has faced.

SAMARITANS AND JEWS by R. J. Coggins (John Knox Press, paper, 170 pp., \$6.95). The Bible speaks often of the Samaritans and of the attitude of the Jews toward them. In this study a theologian from London looks at the background and history of these people. A careful student of the Bible will have a new understanding of the place of these people in the Bible story when he reads this book.

QUENCH NOT THE SPIRIT by Myron S. Augsburger (Keats, 141 pp., pocket book, paper, \$1.75). A Mennonite theologian, pastor, and educator writes a discerning little book on the Holy Spirit and His work.

DESTINED FOR THE THRONE by Paul E. Billheimer (Christian Literature Crusade, pocket book, paper, 124 pp., \$1.50). Considers the glorious truths related to the fact that the church is one day to be presented to Jesus Christ as His bride, discusses the relationships, and responsibilities of the Christian life based upon this truth.

BIOGRAPHY OF A GREAT PLANET by Stanley A. Ellison (Tyndale, 272 pp., paper, \$3.95). A study of Bible prophecy, especially as it relates to the return of the Lord. The author seeks to show the Lord's return and related events as a part of the whole program of God. He shows the "why" as well as the "what and when." The coverage is thorough, and should be most helpful to the person who is seeking to understand what is coming. The book is "premillennial" in its interpretation, and gives a clear scriptural presentation in defense of that position. This is an unusually valuable book on prophecy.

HOW COME IT'S TAKING ME SO LONG TO GET BETTER? by Lane Adams (Tyndale, \$5.95, 150 pp.). As many new Christians find out, Lane Adams as a young man also found out that life continues to be plagued by many personal failures that were present before conversion. He then cried out, "How come it's taking me so long to get better?" In the New Testament, he sought for principles of spiritual growth taught by Jesus and practiced by the disciples. He learned that spiritual maturity is a step-by-step process. When applied, this truth began to transform his personal life, his marriage, and his ministry. In this book he shares his discoveries with all who struggle with the same needs.

A NEW JOY by Colleen Townsend Evans (Fleming Revell, Spire Books, paper, \$1.50, 128 pp.). This is a reprint, in paperback, of the book published in 1973. In it Colleen Evans invites women everywhere to share her own astonishing discovery of the Beatitudes, and how they changed her life when hope was bleakest and faith at its lowest ebb.

WHY JOHNNY CAN'T LEARN by Opal Moore, (Mott Media, 182 pp., paper \$2.95). A study of the current educational system, detailing what is wrong, and suggesting what can be done to change it. Education based upon humanism rather than upon theism has become our American plan. Lack of moral guidance, lower standards in achievement in the basics, and other weaknesses are shown. The new math, English, literature, sex education, social education, all are examined. The picture is rather alarming. The book is well-documented. The author is not trying to destroy public education, but to bring concern about it that will lead to efforts to change it and save it.

MAN AS MALE AND FEMALE by Paul K. Jewett (William B. Eerdmans, 240 pp., paper, \$2.95). A study in sexual relationships from a theological point of view. How does theology relate man and woman? The answer is found here. This is a theological study and will be difficult for the average untrained reader.

JIM, I NEED YOU by Jim Covington (Dorrance, 75 pp., \$4.00). Incidents and experiences in the ministry of a Methodist pastor, especially reveals the power of the Spirit in helping a pastor shepherd his people.

THE LAST AND FUTURE WORLD by James Montgomery Boice (Zondervan, 148 pp., \$1.95). The pastor of the renowned Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and a weekly speaker on the Radio Bible Study Hour, presents a series of nine messages on the Second Coming of Christ. These are popular type messages, perhaps as delivered from the pulpit or over the radio and deal with many questions in which individuals are interested concerning the return of the Lord. A sane, helpful presentation.

FREE FOR THE TAKING, THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF GRACE by Joseph E. Cooke (Revell, 190 pp., \$5.95). A university professor who is the son of missionaries and became a scholar in Far Eastern languages, makes a careful analysis of man. Then he carefully studies God's grace and presents it in such a manner that its scope and glory are understood. It reveals the place of grace in the life of the believer and how that grace affects that life.

FOLKLORE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT by James George Fraser (Hart, 482 pp., \$3.95; paper \$5.95). A study of the Old Testament record and the relationship that it has to folklore in other religions and historical records. It is evident that the author considers some of the material in the Old Testament as folklore, but the book presents an interesting record of comparative religion as discussed by a person who does not accept the Old Testament record as being true.

REV. MS. EVELYN JONES, I LOVE YOU by Ray Jennings (Judson, paper, 64 pp., \$2.95). Letters from a minister and pastor of a large Baptist church in the North written to a woman minister, presents some of the problems which are arising in this day of woman's liberation. The person involved probably is imaginary, yet the problems are not. This is an interesting discussion of a situation which is growing more and more a reality in some areas, although not yet among Southern Baptists.

HOSEA by D. David Garland (Zondervan, \$1.95, paper, 81 pp.). An exciting and refreshing new look at the prophecies of Hosea, by the Professor of Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary.

Crossgates Church Overpledges Budget In One Day

Crossgates Church overpledged its budget for 1976 in one day recently, the pastor, Dr. David G. Durrett, announced. The \$77,000 budget was overpledged on November 9. A total of \$81,000 was pledged on that day, the pastor said. He reported that pledges are still coming in, and that over \$85,000 has been pledged so far.

"We are grateful to the Lord for this tremendous victory," the pastor said. "We look forward to what He is going to do through this faithful church in the future."

Charles Brooks is stewardship chairman for the church.

Sarah Calls Pastor

Rev. Alben Gaston has accepted the pastorate of Sarah Church, Tate County. Son of Mr. and Mrs.

W. Galvin Gaston of Mobile, he attended school in Grand Bay, Alabama, and was ordained there. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and is presently a second-year student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Vicki have one daughter, Kerrie.

Coldwater To Mark 50th Year

Coldwater (Neshoba) will celebrate their 50th anniversary on November 30. The church will be dedicated at the morning service, with Rev. Clyde Wroten as the special speaker.

There will be all day services, with lunch served at the church. Rev. Ivor Clark will speak in the afternoon.

Springdale Plans

Nov. 30 Homecoming

Springdale (Attala) will celebrate homecoming Sunday, November 30.

Special activities will include worship and celebration at eleven o'clock hour, climaxed by burning a note which will symbolize retirement of the remaining indebtedness on the educational and fellowship building constructed in 1971.

Dinner will be served at the church.

Around The World--

(Continued from page 3)

can sing, "Do You Really Care?" Students from Taiwan sang about the green hills of their island and followed the song with a folk dance. A piano solo from Hong Kong, a haunting melody from India, a rollicking tune from South America, and so it went until nearly midnight.

Sunday morning the students returned to their campuses. New friendships had been formed. Hopefully, many had gained a warmer impression of America and Americans.

Definite decisions registered on cards distributed to the young people: I am interested in talking to someone personally about Jesus Christ and my life (5); I am interested in future study of the Christian faith (4); I am interested in a contact with a church that has an International Student Program (33); I have decided to give my life to Jesus Christ (5).

Now that you have realized that there are so many foreign students in Mississippi, you say, "All right. We want to offer our love and friendship. We want to share Christ with them. What can we do?"

Here are only a few ideas: Provide scholarships for the International Student Conference next year.

Provide host family homes. (In this, students are assigned to host families who share with them during the year their family joys, sorrows, plans and interests).

Help teach English as a foreign language.

Provide a ministry to wives and preschool children. (You might want to follow the example of a church in Lexington, Ky. that has weekly English classes for the mothers while care is provided for the children. The English classes are followed by a creative hour offering instruction in sewing, embroidery, flower making, ceramics, art, cooking, and "trimnastics." Choices include "The Bible Speaks" and "Living in Lexington.")

Sponsor annual Friendship International in your church by providing a Christmas home for international students in your area.

Organize an international Sunday School department or class.

For more details on these suggestions, write to the Department of Student Work, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39206.



Richland Reaches All-Time Record

Richland Church, Plain, reached an all-time record in Sunday School attendance on November 2 (High Attendance Day) of 748. The previous high was 642. Of this number, 433 came in on the seven church buses. Barney Austin is bus director. Rev. Paul B. Williamson, Jr. is pastor.

Devotional

Blessings Of The Good Life

By D. C. McAtee, Pastor, Eastwood, Indiana

GENESIS 5:21-24

Our text tells us that "Enoch walked with God and he was not, for God took him" (v. 24). Enoch's life was divided into three parts.

1. Enoch's walk with God must have been a glorious experience. Seemingly a crisis came at 65 when Methuselah was born. Whatever happened, it seems to have left him with a very serious note in his life. Methuselah died the flood came and destroyed the world. Enoch's life lasted 300 years after Methuselah's birth. Many people's lives are changed at the birth of a child. Surely, the goodness of God does lead to repentance. Enoch's walk was an unbroken walk. It was not too fast and not too slow. It was just right. It was at a difficult time because the world was growing more wicked all the time (Gen. 6:5).

2. Jude, vv. 14,15 tell us of Enoch's work for God. This work consisted of the prophecies and judgments that were ahead. He also tells of the return of the Lord, with 10,000's of his saints with him. Since Enoch preached 300 years and Noah 120 years before the flood, this would make 420 years of warning before the flood came. Since this was an age of warning and opportunity for the people to repent, the age of Methuselah comes into greater prominence. It shows once again that, "It is not the will of the Father that any should perish, but have eternal life." It seems that he extended the life of Methuselah to delay the flood to try to see more saved.

3. Hebrews 12:5 tells of Enoch's translation to God. It was by faith. G. Campbell Morgan told the story of a little girl who told her mother about this. Said she, "Enoch went walking with God one day and they walked and walked and walked. Late in the evening God said, 'Enoch, it's closer to my house than it is to yours, you come on home with me.'" May it be so with each of us.

The chief obstacle to success is often too many advisers.

Anybody can meet expenses—the trick is to avoid them.

SCRAPBOOK

A Time To Give Thanks

Remembering the words "sing unto the Lord with Thanksgiving" we thank you, Lord for America's golden cornucopia overflowing with harvest from orchards, fields, and the vine. . . . We thank you, Lord, for America's precious heritage of liberty and justice for all people; for homes—cabins or mansions—where love is shared in sunshine or in rain. . . . We thank you, Lord, for the right to worship freely; for time to give thanks "Sing praise upon the harp to our God." — Eunice Barnes



Thank You, Lord...

Among The Givers

"I think one of the things I am most grateful for on Thanksgiving Day is that, when the Lord was deciding who would need help at this season and who would be in a position to help others, he permitted me to be among the givers." —Quoted by Larry Ward, Food for the Hungry

To Remember In November

A year beyond the Plymouth Rock our fathers, after taking stock of our God's great providence, said, "this day, and yearly hence, as long as one of us is living, shall be for feasting and thanksgiving!" —Bert Hamill

If . . .

If the people would continue they'd all be poets. Out of character they come up with fresh and startling thoughts, then let them die before they bud. I listen to them, then finish the thoughts they could have done better had they cared to. —Mark Leggett

Thanksgiving Day

Over the river and through the wood Trot fast, my dapple gray! Spring over the ground, Like a hunting-hound! For this is Thanksgiving Day. —Lydia Maria Child

Thankfulness

For all the blessings life has brought, For all its sorrowing hours have taught, For all we mourn, for all we keep, The hands we clasp, the loved that sleep, The noontide sunshine of the past, These brief, bright moments fading fast, The stars that gild our darkening years, The twilight ray from holler spheres, We thank Thee, Father. Let Thy grace Our loving circle still embrace, Thy mercy shed its heavenly store, Thy peace be with us evermore! —Oliver Wendell Holmes

Grateful Praise

For the birthday of our land; For its liberty conceived; For the conflicts and conquests; For right principles believed; Great our God, we make this prayer, Grateful for Thy loving care, For the Pilgrims sailing seas; For religious liberty; For the Colonists and Rights; For our country's great birthright, Christ, our God, in prayer we raise America, our land of praise. —Sarah Peugh

At Table Laden

At table laden with much food, We bow our heads to say the grace, "Dear Lord, we thank You for Just then some thoughts begin to race. "I was hungry, you fed me not, Thirsty and sick, in prison too, A stranger and in need of clothes." "But Lord, just when were You . . . ?" Then from the table I take leave; And now two plates are added when We join our hands in circle form. And now we bow our heads again. —Victoria Singley

Early In The Morning

For life, itself, we thank Thee — For food, for clothes, we bless Thee; For work, for strength, for daily chores, For faith to see the opening doors; For love, which evermore implores Thy loving Hand To rule this land And so, sustain; And to maintain Our people — lost in doubt — And speedily to bring about Our rescue — Save us Lord! For Thy Son's sake we humbly pray. —Lillian Peters Whitten